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H.B. No. 2145

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2145:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to information on classes or programs required to be
3 completed before an inmate is released on parole.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 493, Government Code, is amended by
6 adding Section 493.034 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 493.034. INFORMATION ON CLASSES AND PROGRAMS REQUIRED
8 FOR RELEASE ON PAROLE. The department shall publish on the
9 department's Internet website the information required under
10 Section 508.056.

11 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 508, Government Code, is
12 amended by adding Section 508.056 to read as follows:

13 Sec. 508.056. INFORMATION ON CLASSES AND PROGRAMS REQUIRED
14 FOR RELEASE ON PAROLE. The board shall publish on the board's
15 Internet website the following information for each class or
16 program that the board requires an inmate to complete before
17 releasing the inmate on parole:

18 (1) qualifications and relevant certifications of any
19 instructor for the class or program;

20 (2) completion rates of the class or program;

21 (3) accommodations made for inmates with disabilities
22 and inmates whose primary language is not English to ensure that
23 those inmates are able to fully participate in the class or program;

24 (4) methods used to assess inmates for participation

1 in the class or program;

2 (5) results of any independent evaluations used by the
3 board when determining whether to require the class or program; and

4 (6) if the class or program is provided by a private
5 vendor, the vendor's history of providing the class or program at
6 other correctional facilities.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.